be possible for the Government to locate the fault or negligence of Officers who were responsible for the loss ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The figures which I have given relate to a short period during the last year. I have already stated in my main answer that special staff have been appointed and they will be looking after the storage conditions.

Madhavaram Milk Colony

* 209 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of milk by Madhavaram Project was considerably reduced during the months of June and July 1965 and even that reduced supply is not assured to the consumers; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) Yes.

(b) The reasons are as follows :—

(i) The period from June to August generally represents the lean period in the availability of milk on account of drought conditions, fall in lactation of milch animals, etc.

(ii) This year the shortfall was accentuated by the following additional factors :—

(a) Fall in the production from the Madhavaram Milk Colony and in the supply from areas around Madras on account of the loss of animals due to rinderpest attack;

(b) Complete failure of the supply from the Nilgiris District and reduction in the supply from Coimbatore and Salem Districts mainly due to adverse seasonal conditions.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Were there any complaints that the supply was not properly made, Sir?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Whatever supply was available, it was distributed, all right.

DR. H. V. HANDE : The customers find it difficult to exchange monthly coupons. There are 20 kiosks around the Nandanam Colony. The people have to go there at 8 O'clock and wait there till 12 noon, and they return disappointed. Will the Government consider having continuous hours of working for exchanging monthly coupons, Sir?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not think there is any supply after 8 a.m. Normally, in the morning the supply is over before 8 a.m.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Sir, I am asking about the exchange of monthly coupons. Every month, after the close of the month, the coupons have to be surrendered and new coupons have to be obtained.

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : If the hon. Member has got any difficulty, he can write to me.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : இது ஜூன், ஜூலையில் இருந்த நிலவரத்தைப்பற்றிய கேள்வி. இந்தத் திங்களிலாவது இந்த நிலைமையில் ஏதேனும் மாற்றம்—வளர்ச்சி ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Now the situation has improved. இந்த மாதம் எல்லாம் ரொம்ப நன்றாக இருக்கிறது.

Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore

* 210 Q.—MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member DR. T. V. Sivanandam is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Q.—DR. T. V. SIVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the present Coimbatore Headquarters Hospital to a spacious place; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

100—bedded Hospital for Coimbatore

* 211 Q.—DR. H. V. HANDE (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been made by the Coimbatore Municipality to permit them to construct and run 100 bedded hospital in the city of Coimbatore; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Rubber Estate reared by the Government

* 212 Q.—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Rubber Estate reared by the Government in Kanyakumari district caught fire a few months back;

(b) the extent of estate damaged;

(c) the number of Rubber trees damaged;

(d) the total value of loss ; and

(e) the reason for the outbreak of fire ?

THE HON. SRI N. S. S. MANRADIAR : (அ) அரசாங்க ரப்பர் தோட்டத்தின் கீரிப்பாறைப் பிரிவில் 5—3—1965-லும், மீண்டும் 6—3—1965-லும் தீப் பிடித்தது.

(இ) நாற்பத்தெட்டு (48) எக்கர்.